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Construction Continues At Record-Breaking Rate

ISSUE \$2,000,000 WORTH OF PERMITS

More than \$2,000,000 in building permits have been issued by the city building dept. during the first ten days of this month, as building in this city continues at a dizzy pace.

Topping construction for this month are three tracts in North Torrance.

Permits for 114 homes with garages were issued to the Redburg Construction Co. Total value of this tract is \$1,140,000.

A second block of permits went to the Watt Construction Co. These permits are for 47 homes, also in North Torrance, and are valued at \$353,500.

The third tract is being built in the Northern portion by the Milton Kaufman Construction Co. Valued at \$220,300, the tract contains 41 homes.

Individual construction permits numbered well over 200 during the first ten days of March, and totaled over \$200,000, according to building dept. records.

The 1952 March total of \$747,841 has already been tripled this month with no end in sight.

Permits issued during the first two months of this year totaled \$3,775,286. Permits in January equalled \$1,573,480, and in February \$2,201,806 worth of permits were granted.

All indications are that last year's record of \$18,000,000 in construction will be topped this year, according to building dept. officials.

Ad Results Bring Praise

"I could have rented my house time and time again," said Mrs. A. Guezetti, of 1754 Cabrillo ave. "I got a wonderful response to the ad I ran and rented the house the same day that it appeared," she stated.

Turn that extra room into extra cash. There is a great demand now for rentals of all kinds. List your apartment, house, or spare room in Torrance classifieds.

Here is the small, inexpensive ad that rented Mrs. Guezetti's house:

PARTLY FURNISHED 3 room house with garage. Water paid. 1842 26th St., Lomita. Call Tor. 55-15.

To place your Torrance Press classified, just call Torrance 1185 and a courteous classified ad writer will help you write an ad that will get real results.

RECREATION

Ask Joint City-School Program

A top city official Tuesday night declared that the only way to run the recreation program efficiently and economically in Torrance was to combine the assets and resources of both the city and the school system.

Asking to remain unidentified, the official made the statement to a Torrance Press reporter following the City Council meeting during which the recreation commission asked the council to levy a \$25 tax on all new residential building here.

The \$25 "civic and recreation facility" tax would be imposed on each lot here as it is developed, and the money would be used for purchase and development of more city parks.

The council did not wholeheartedly endorse the commission's suggestion, but voted to discuss the issue more fully at an agenda meeting next week.

Meanwhile, a move to develop a co-ordinated recreation program involving both the schools and the city is gaining ground.

A number of city fathers and active civic leaders have expressed enthusiasm for the plan, which has worked so well in other cities, notably Long Beach.

Arthur Sues, of 1734-234th st., long an outspoken critic of our current recreation program, recently made the statement that "most city-operated parks and playgrounds throughout the country are becoming a farce." Nationally there is a trend toward co-ordinated city-schools recreation.

"As a city grows, schools are built where needed and equipped with excellent recreation facilities that could be used during school, after school, on weekends and during all vacation periods at a minimum cost to both the schools and the city."

"Building additional facilities, as is being proposed by the recreation commission now, is simply a duplication and a waste of tax dollars."



WANT SOME?—Paul Comon, 1533 W. 228th st., was named the fourth finalist in the First Annual Torrance Press Amateur Photography contest, when the above picture was named the best of entries received in the contest this week. Using a speed graphic, Comon shot the picture with speed at one hundredth of a second, F stop at 32, using super panthro-press film.

Attends State Council

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, Principal of the Hildale Elementary School, attended a California State Council meeting in San Francisco on March 7th and 8th.

Begin 5th Week of Press Photo Contest

Paul Comon, of 1533 W. 228th Street, was this week named the fourth finalist in the Torrance Press Amateur Photography contest.

Two more weekly contests will be held and the six finalists will then compete for first prize of \$50.

Next Monday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for entries for the fifth of the six contests. All amateur photographers living within the circulation area of this newspaper are invited to enter their favorite snapshot or photograph in the competition.

First prize in the contest is \$50 in cash to be awarded by the Torrance Press. Second and third prizes are a complete home-developing outfit, donated by A-1 Photo Supplies, and an Eastman Duaflex camera and six rolls of film, contributed by McCown Drug Stores.

Entries may either be brought or mailed to the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens Ave., along with the name, address and age of the entrant. Include negative with pictures that measure under 5 by 7 inches.

Red Cross Fund Grows

Russell Ward, Publicity Director of the local chapter of the Red Cross, reported that Torrance residents and business men have donated some \$2,728.31, during the first month of the fund raising drive. This year's goal is \$11,825.

Muir Named To Board

The Pacific Hills Home Owners Association held their Board meeting at the home of Mrs. Wesley Crochon, 3321 Winlock Road, according to President Ernest J. Robertson.

During the business meeting Mrs. Don Menger resigned from the board and Al Muir was appointed to serve in her place.

Muir, Superintendent of the Dicalite Division of The Great Lakes Carbon Corporation, was guest speaker of the evening.

Lions Club Donates \$200 to Dental Health Association

Milton Isbell, president of the Torrance Lions Club, presented a check for \$200.00 to Dean Sears, president of the Torrance Dental Health Association. The money will be used to provide dental work for needy Torrance children.

This group was organized in June of last year to carry on philanthropic and educational work in the field of child dental health. The Torrance Parent Teacher Council sponsored the organization whose membership consists of one representative from each organization contributing to the association.

A quarterly report of the association's activities will be given to the representatives at the annual dinner on May 20. The Dental Health Association's officers are: Dean Sears, President; Paul Diamond, Vice-President; Mrs. Hartley Carr, Secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Turner, Treasurer. Cooperating in this project are local dentists: Dr. J. S. Roberts, Dr. Arthur Berke, Dr. W. K. Bryant, Dr. R. Musulas, Dr. Burton Easley, Dr. W. A. Hoxie, Dr. T. T. Weir, Dr. Robert C. Jackson, and Dr. R. F. Bishop.

Council Vetoes Ban on Business in Home Zone

SHELVE PLANNING BOARD MOTION

The City Council Tuesday night took a dim view of the Planning Commission's recommendation that all business now being operated in private homes in residential districts be legislated out of operation.

Edison Co. Hampered By Strike

Hopeful that Torrance will not be affected, Southern California Edison Company officials reported today that no progress has been made in the strike called Monday by some 3700 members of Local 47 of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical workers.

Lou Jenkins, District Manager of the Torrance and surrounding area reported that although new construction has come to a virtual standstill, under present circumstances only adverse weather conditions would work a hardship on maintaining service.

The strike was issued Monday night when negotiations were broken off.

Jenkins said, "We have every plan to maintain full service despite the walkout."

The company reported that it has been prepared for the walkout and supervisory employees will do their best to maintain service.

The union's contract expired a week ago, and no progress has been made in subsequent negotiations.

Richard Rappatoni, Local 47's business agent, said the chief issues are wages and the union shop. The union demands include a 25 cents an hour increase. The company has offered 10 1/2 cents. Wages range from \$1.35 per hour to \$2.22 an hour.

Rappatoni said every attempt was made at Monday's session "to get the Edison Company to agree to submit the entire matter to a fact finding Board. According to Rappatoni, the Company refused, saying if the union wanted to strike, it was up to them."

On Councilman Nick Dralle's motion, the Council voted to allow this type of business to continue to operate here, and asked the city attorney to amend existing legislation to regulate the size of the business and the size and number of signs used in conjunction with the enterprise.

The city planners had asked that all licenses now in effect for these businesses be allowed to run their full year, then be denied for renewal and that no more new licenses be granted.

This proposal has brought many protests from operators of the "home businesses."

The council voted unanimously to continue the licenses.

Don Mitchell Qualifies for Naval Exam

Don Mitchell, 18, El Camino college student of 1317 Acacia Street, Torrance, has received the princely nomination of Representative Cecil King for appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He received his notification by telegram early this week.

Mitchell, a liberal arts major at El Camino college, graduated from Torrance High school in 1951.

Official entrance examinations, to determine eligibility for final appointment, will be taken by Mitchell during a three-day period beginning March 25 in Los Angeles.

Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell of Torrance. His father is a plant operator for Standard Oil in Torrance.

Ask Examination For Defense Post

The City Council Tuesday night voted to call for a civil service examination for the position of assistant director of civil defense.

The post is now held by former city councilman George Powell on a yearly contract basis.

No date for the examination was set.

Y Fund Drive

More than half the quota in the YMCA fund raising drive has been reached, according to Stan Roberts, executive secretary.

To date \$6,580 has been collected in the four divisions of the fund campaign.

Local Publisher Dies After Heart Attack

Grover Cleveland Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, died shortly before midnight Sunday at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Death was reported due to a coronary thrombosis. He was 60.

Whyte, a native of Ontario, Canada, began his newspaper career in Flint, Mich., at the age of 10, when he started carrying papers for the Flint Journal, working his way up to assistant circulation manager.

Following graduation from high school in Flint, Whyte took up full-time duties on the Journal. In 1918 he enlisted in the Army and served nine months in France.

When he returned to Flint at the end of the war, he and two associates, W. Harold Kingsley and Gerald T. Lomasney, launched an illustrated weekly news magazine, the Flint Saturday Night, which grew into a daily.

They sold out a year later and in 1923 Whyte and Kingsley came to Torrance, where they purchased the Herald and the Lomita News. Whyte bought out Kingsley in 1929 and sold the News two years ago.

He was a member of the board of directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital and a past president of the Torrance Rotary Club.

Whyte leaves his wife, Fluma C. Whyte, of 1620 Post Ave., and a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Whyte Work, of Los Angeles.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. this morning at Stone and Myers Chapel, Rev. Arthur Bello will officiate. Interment will take place at Green Hills Cemetery.



GROVER C. WHYTE
... dies suddenly



WINNING SPEAKER—Warren W. Hamilton, general chairman of the Lions Club student speaker contest, awards first prize to Lorraine Miller, winner of first place. The contest was held Tuesday at the regular club meeting. Other two contestants tied for second place. They are Dan Mayer (left) and Warner Smith. Miss Miller, a junior at Torrance High School, will compete in the Lions Club zone finals in Redondo Beach tomorrow. Judges in Tuesday's local contest were Lester Foster, Joe Behen and Don Hitchcock.